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## DATA RECORDING APPARATUS AND DATA RECORDING METHOD

an [X] Original; or

a ☐ Continuation, ☐ Divisional, or ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)  
of prior Application No. filed.

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[ ] This non-provisional patent application is based on Provisional Patent Application No. , filed .

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Specification (including Abstract) and claims: 40 pages.
- ☐ Application Data Sheet.
- ☒ Newly unexecuted Declaration (original).
- ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application.
- ☐ Separate Power of Attorney (including 37 CFR 3.73(b) statement, if applicable).
- ☒ 10 sheets of drawings (formal) plus one copy.
- ☐ Microfiche computer program (Appendix).
- ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission, including:  
☐ Computer readable copy    ☐ Paper Copy    ☐ Verified Statement.
- ☐ Under PTO-1595 Cover Sheet, an assignment of the invention
- ☒ Name of Assignee: Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.
- ☒ Certified copy(ies) of Japanese Application No(s). Hei 11-364633 filed December 22, 1999 is filed:  
☒ herewith    or    ☐ in prior application .
- ☐ Applicant(s), by its/their undersigned attorney, claim(s) Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27 as ☐ an Independent Inventor, or ☐ a Small Business Concern, or ☐ a Non-Profit Organization.
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, and cited references.
- ☐ Request for Nonpublication of Application Under 35 U.S.C. §122(b)

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# Preliminary Amendments

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**PATENT**

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In re:	Patent Application of Toshiharu KOSHINO et al.	: Group Art Unit: : :
Appln. No.:	Not Yet Assigned	: Examiner: :
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For:	DATA RECORDING APPARATUS AND DATA RECORDING METHOD	: No. 8861-391US : (P23442-01)

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Simultaneously with the filing of the above-identified application with which this Preliminary Amendment is being filed, and prior to the calculation of the filing fee, Applicant hereby amends the application as follows, without prejudice:

**In the Claims:**

In claim 8, line 2, delete "4 or 6".

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 to 15 are pending in the application.

The purpose of this amendment is delete the multiple dependent claim in this application, and thereby eliminate excessive claim fees. Such amendments are formal in nature and no new matter is added by any of the above amendments. Entry of this amendment and early examination of this application are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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